Kalindi Express

2134. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the time taken by the Kalindi Express to reach its destination is much more than the time normally taken by an Express/Mail train;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to minimise the time taken by this train;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert the metre gauge line between Farrukhabad and Kanpur into a broad gauge line;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to introduce an express train between Delhi and Kanpur *via* Farrukhabad; and

(f) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The timings were fixed keeping in view the interest of the users of this train.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Disciplinary Proceedings against Employees of State Transport Authority, Delhi

2135. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disciplinary proceedings have been taken like suspension, transfer removal, termination and dismissal etc. against some employees and officials of State Transport Authority of Delhi during 1.1.1981 to 31-10-1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what were the specific charges against each one of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) During January 1981 to October, 1986, Delhi Administration have taken action of disciplinary proceedings against 27 employees of their Transport Directorate on account of allegations of corruption/dereliction of duty, tampering with Government record, misappropriation of Government funds, unauthorised absence from duty and involvement in criminal cases.

Out of the 27 employees, 19 have been reinstated on completion of the enquiry and 2 have been reinstated pending enquiry. The position in respect of remaining 6 cases is given below:—

(1) In one case, the services of employee were terminated for wilful absence from his duties.

(2) The services of one Chowkidar were terminated for dereliction of his duties.

(3) A Head-Constable was dismissed from service consequent upon conviction under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

(4) In the case of one Stenographer, the services were suspended for his conviction in a criminal case, which is still pending in the Court.

(5) The case of Head-Constable who was arrested by the Police under the Arms Act is pending in the Court.

(6) The Disciplinary Authority is yet to take a final decision in the case of one employee who was

found under the influence of liquor while on duty.

Priority to Backward Areas for setting up of Navodaya Schools

2136. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether educationally backward districts would be given preference in the setting up of the Navodaya Schools;

(b) whether the regional languages would be given due importance in the syllabus of the Navodaya Schools; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Under the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme, it is proposed to establish one Navodaya Vidyalaya in every district of the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan. Navodaya Vidyalayas are being opened on the basis of availability of suitable land/building in the district concerned.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Delhi-Amritsar Rail Line

2137. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that because of a single track in some part of the railway line between Delhi and Amritsar there is problem of bottleneck of transportation;

(b) whether Government propose to construct double track on the entire route between Delhi and Amritsar; and

(c) if so, when the same is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) This will depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.

Electric Train between Delhi and Amritsar

2138. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has repeatedly urged the Central Government to start an electric train between Amritsar and Delhi to push up the movement of foodgrains and other goods;

(b) if so, what action Central Government have taken thereon; and

(c) by when the electric train between Amritsar and Delhi is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Such a train cannot be introduced as the section is not electrified to run electric trains.

National Highway No. 1

2139. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the traffic on national highway No. 1 (Delhi to Amritsar) and highway No. 1-A (Jallandhar to Pathankot) is very heavy and a large number of accidents take place every day;

(b) whether it is a fact that the National Highway Nos. 1 and 1-A are single carriage highways;